IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for controlling bacterial diseases of the respiratory organs in humans and animals by local administration of an antibacterially effective amount of solid betaine of the formula (III)

 $R = H, C_2H_5$

or its solid slightly soluble salt, wherein the solid betaine <u>of formula III or its slightly soluble</u> <u>salt</u> is administered in a powder form or powder-containing suspension.

- 2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 for controlling lung diseases caused by bacteria.
- 3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the salt is the embonate.
- 4. (Cancelled)

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- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Withdrawn) A device suitable for administration by inhalation of solid active ingredient and containing a preparation with at least one of the compounds defined in claim 1, 3 or 10.
- 7. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 6, designed as a powder inhaler.
- 8. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 6, designed as a suspension spray.
- 9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the salt is the embonate.
- 10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the salt is the hemiembonate.
- 11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the salt is the hemiembonate.
- 12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the salt is a mixture of the embonate and the hemiembonate.

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- 13. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the salt is a mixture of the embonate and the hemiembonate.
- 14. (Currently amended) A method for controlling bacterial diseases of the respiratory organs in humans by local administration of an antibacterially effective amount of solid betaine of the formula (III)

R = H, wherein the solid betaine <u>of formula III</u> is administered in a powder form or powdercontaining suspension.

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